



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2154

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In Re: U.S. Patent Application of |) | |
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| PROGRAMMABLE INDUSTRIAL |) | |
| CONTROL SYSTEMS |) | |

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 13, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 13, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period. Accordingly, no additional fee is required. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.